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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:**                                      Members, Utah State Board of Education

**FROM:**                                  Brad C. Smith  
Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:**                                  March 5-6, 2015

**INFORMATION:**                      Accreditation Status of the University of Phoenix Utah

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### **Background:**

R277-502 Educator Licensing and Data Retention requires that educator preparation programs be accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC), or the Council for Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP). The University of Phoenix is a candidate for accreditation with CAEP.

### **Key Points:**

1. In December 2014, USOE placed the University of Phoenix on probationary status, consistent with R277-502, due to a denial of accreditation from CAEP.
2. The University appealed the CAEP decision and the appeal was granted.
3. The granting of the appeal places the University of Phoenix back in the status of being a candidate for accreditation, therefore USOE is removing the probation.
4. If the University of Phoenix is approved for accreditation, they will work with USOE to present their program to the Board for final approval.

### **Anticipated Action:**

Staff will provide information regarding University of Phoenix probation and accreditation.

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